

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RED FLAG EXERCISE WITH US
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air Force has sought permission for red flag exercise with United States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the implications for the said exercise;
- (c) the significance and utility of such exercises; and
- (d) the total expenditure likely to be incurred and borne by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Red Flag Exercise is to be held at Nellis Air Force Base, USA in August 2008. In this exercise Air Forces of various countries participate with their aircraft. This exercise would give an opportunity to the Indian Air Force (IAF) to gain knowledge in the area of state-of-art technology, ground handling and logistic support. Besides, this would given an exposure the IAF to witness some of the best practices followed by other Air Forces in the world.

(d) The likely expenditure on participation in this exercise is expected to be around Rs.80 crores.